

**SAINT PATRICK'S PARISH**  
**The Nativity of St. John the Baptist**  
**June 24, 2007**

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**WELCOME to anyone new to the parish community. Please take a moment to introduce yourself to the parish staff. Please complete a parish registration form, which can be found in the Gathering Area.**

**Those individuals who are homebound and wish to receive the Eucharist, please contact the Parish Office (337-1538).**

**Please contact the parish office for sacramental preparation requirements and schedules. Marriage preparation requires four months notice.**

**Mass Intentions for the Week June 23—June 29, 2007**

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Ruth Marchetti, Birthday
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Dennis Riski, R.O.S.
	11:30 a.m.	Michael Lawler, R.O.S.
	7:00 p.m.	Michael Radisch, Return to Health
Monday	5:30 p.m.	Fedilina Pacana, R.O.S.
Tuesday	5:30 p.m.	Michael Lawler, R.O.S.
Wednesday	5:30 p.m.	Alexis Gonzales, Special Healing
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Michael Lawler, R.O.S.
Thursday	5:30 p.m.	Gerard Caron, R.O.S.
Friday	5:30 p.m.	Katie Lefebure, R.O.S.








**MASS SCHEDULE**

Saturday Vigil	5:00 pm
Sunday Morning	8:30 am
	11:30 am
Sunday Evening	7:00 pm
<i>Daily Mass</i>	Monday - Friday 5:30 pm
<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i>	
Saturday 4:00 p.m.	until all are heard or upon request
<i>Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament</i>	
Monday	6:00-7:45 pm
First Friday	6:00-7:45 pm
<i>Nursery Schedule</i>	
Sunday Morning	11:30 am Mass

**MISSION STATEMENT**

**“Called by Christ to proclaim the Good News, the Catholic community of St. Patrick’s Parish seeks to nurture a prayerful community of believers while serving the needs of others, thereby witnessing to the reality of God’s saving love.”**



June 24 Sunday	June 25 Monday	June 26 Tuesday	June 27 Wednesday	June 28 Thursday	June 29 Friday	June 30 Saturday
<b>Parish Picnic</b> 1pm —Hall  <b>Praise Music Group</b> 5pm - Church	<b>VBS Preparation Meeting</b> 9am—Tara  <b>Daily Mass</b> 5:30pm - Chapel  <b>Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament</b> 6:00pm –7:45pm Chapel   <b>Faith At Work CC Group</b>  7pm - JPII LvRm	<b>Daily Mass</b> 5:30pm  <b>Praise Music Group</b> 7pm - Church   <b>Legion of Mary</b> 7pm - JPII Chapel	 <b>Mom’s CC Group I</b> 11:30 am - Nursery  <b>Daily Mass</b> 5:30pm  <b>Mass for Michael Lawler</b> 7pm - Church  <b>Followed by Reception in the Parish Hall</b>	<b>Adult Faith Study Group</b> 10am - JPII DnRm  <b>Daily Mass</b> 5:30pm  <b>Children’s Eucharistic Adoration</b> 6pm - Chapel 	<b>Daily Mass</b> 5:30pm	<b>Confessions</b> 4pm - Church  <b>Contemporary Choir Practice</b> 4pm -Church  <b>A.A.</b> 8pm -Tara

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**PARISH NEWS**

**Please Pray for John Agee Who Died on Friday & whose Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St. Patrick's.**

May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES**

**Seekers' Group:** Are you interested in the Catholic Faith? If so, we have just the group you need. We are called Seekers and we meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month at 6pm in the JPPII House. For more information please call Angela Shemel at 276-0980. Welcome to a group that will give you the knowledge you are desiring.

**Legion of Mary Schedule Change:** Our parish Legion of Mary group is on the move! After meeting for many years on Monday evenings, the group will now meet on **Tuesdays** at **7pm** in the **chapel of the JPPII House**.

**Drummer/Percussionist Needed:** 7PM Mass on Sunday is looking for an accomplished drummer/percussionist for our group. Please contact Ed Grantier at 227-1712 or Jennifer Hughes at 727-1712.

**Annual Appeal Update:** THANK YOU for sharing your treasure with the important ministries serving children and adults throughout our archdiocese through this year's *One Bread, One Body* Annual Appeal. As the appeal comes to an end, here at St. Patrick's we have received total pledges of \$64,361.88. Thanks to all who have helped to make the annual appeal a success in our parish and throughout our archdiocese!

**Prayer Chain Ministry:** Your prayer needs are very important to us. The prayer chain ministry will keep you in their prayers, there is power when two or more pray for your prayer intention. If you would like to be part of this ministry please contact Eva Streit at 222-0833 or Letha Groom at 694-7746. You may also submit your prayer request to prayerrequest\_st.patrick@gci.net.

**Location Change for Children's Adoration:** Our June Children's Eucharistic Adoration will be offered this Thursday, June 28th, at 6pm. Please note that this month's adoration will be offered in the chapel instead of the church. All are invited to join us for this special opportunity for prayer.



**Carmelite Order Profession:** Thanks be to God as **Mary Reoh** makes her profession of temporary promise at the 11:30am to become a full member of the Secular Order of the Discalced Carmelites. Please keep Mary in your prayers as she continues her faith journey.

**Parish Picnic Invitation:** All are invited to our annual parish picnic! **This year our picnic will begin after the 11:30 Mass this Sunday, June 24.** Our parish Knights of Columbus will provide hot dogs and beverages, and we ask that you bring a dish to share according to the first letter of your last name: A-F: salads; G-M: desserts; N-S: chips/veggies; and T-Z: rolls or bread. Please join us for food and fun. For more information please call our picnic coordinator, Jay Carey, at 351-3180.

Prayers for Fr. Giebel

We ask for your prayers for Fr. Alfred Giebel who passed away last Sunday. Fr. Giebel served as a priest of the Archdiocese of Anchorage for the last 32 years, serving as pastor of St. Michael's Parish in Palmer, St. Andrew's Parish in Eagle River, and St. Benedict's Parish here in Anchorage. He also served as an associate pastor and visiting celebrant at many parishes, most recently here at St. Patrick's during Fr. Scott's sabbatical. We offer our prayers for him in thanksgiving for his service to us over the last ten months, and his many years of service to God's People in Southcentral Alaska.

May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

**Mass for Michael Lawler:** A Mass for Michael Lawler will be celebrated this Wednesday, June 27, at 7pm. Michael died last June 27 when his plane crashed as he was attempting to deliver supplies to our parish youth group on the Resurrection Trail. A reception in the parish hall will follow the Mass. All are invited to join our community as we pray in thanksgiving for Michael and his family.

**Vacation Bible School**



Location: St. Patrick Parish  
2111 Muldoon Rd  
When: July 30 - August 3  
Time: 9:00 am to Noon  
Cost: Early Bird Registration until June 30  
\$10 for one/ \$30 for a family of 3 or more.

**Volunteers' Work Blossoms:** Our Adopt-A-Garden program, in which volunteers plant and care for the hundreds of flowers that brighten the area around the Church, Office and Parish Hall, is off to a good start. A sign up sheet has been placed in the gathering area of the church, and we need **two more** volunteers to care for gardens. Our coordinator will contact each volunteer by phone to arrange details and answer questions. Contact: Jean Watson (333-5799 or msg. phone 333-4678).

**Prayers for Men and Women who are in the Armed Services:** Do you have a friend or a family member who is serving our Country in America or in Arms Way? Barbara Draper at 338-3486 & Leigh Pope continue to maintain the collection of photo's in the Display Board in the Gathering Area of the Church. Photo should be 3" by 5" to accommodate all who would like to take part in this display. Please include the name of your loved one and if you choose, the location of his or her duty station. Photos can be dropped off at the Parish office or placed in the collection basket on Sunday.

**Summer Mass Schedule:** Our Sunday evening Mass now begins at 7pm. Last summer we celebrated our 7pm Sunday evening Masses outdoors when the weather allowed. We have found that there are many volunteers at the end of Mass who are willing to help move all the various items needed for Mass and for our music ministry back into the church. We are seeking volunteers to help with moving items outside in preparation before Mass. These volunteers would be asked to arrive at church twenty minutes before 7 in order to assist the sacristan and musicians in getting everything set up outside. Please call the parish office if you would like to help set up for outdoor Masses this summer. Thanks for helping to make the outdoor Mass celebrations on our beautiful parish grounds possible.

**St. Patrick's Online:** Have you checked out our parish website lately? Weekly bulletins are now being posted, as well as lots of other schedule and ministry information. Please take a moment and go to [www.st.patsak.org](http://www.st.patsak.org). It's a new way to find out what's going on around the old parish!

**Seconds To Go:** Seconds To Go, our parish thrift store, is in need of donations: clothing, household items, and good used furniture. Deliver items to the store in the mall at 360 Boniface Parkway (open Mon. - Fri. 10-6; Sat. 10-5) or call 333-6312.

**St. Patrick's Parish Landscape Committee** would like to thank the youth volunteers from the Alaska Catholic Youth Conference and their chaperones for their help. This is the third year that ACYC youth have donated an afternoon of their time toward beautification of our parish grounds. The boys and girls planted grass seed on the east parking lot berm, set up irrigation hoses for the trees planted along the Muldoon/Halligan berm, picked up trash along the perimeter of the parish grounds and installed a dry stream bed rock feature along the entrance driveway to reduce erosion of topsoil in that area. We would also like to thank Jeanne Stohr for her donation of sod for the area adjacent to the stop sign, and Carey Homes, Inc. for the purchase and delivery of the stone used for the driveway project.

**The H.U.G.S.S. (Helping Us Give School Supplies) & Coats for Kids project needs volunteers the week of August 6th.** Distribution of school supplies and coats to children from low-income households will be held August 9 & 10, 2007. H.U.G.S.S. is a collaborative community partnership to help prepare Anchorage kids for a successful school year. The goal is not only to provide basic supplies but to foster an excitement for learning that will be life long. For more information please call the H.U.G.S.S. Hotline at 644-8477 (64-HUGSS).



**St. Francis House Still Needs Food:** Rice, beans, peanut butter, powdered or non-refrigerated milk, and non-sweetened cereals, canned meats and other protein items are much needed items anytime of the year. Please bring your donations and place them in the containers in the Gathering Area of the Church.

Prayer Before the Crucifix  
Most High, glorious God, enlighten the darkness of my heart  
and give me true faith, certain hope, and perfect charity,  
sense and knowledge,  
Lord,  
that I may carry out Your holy and true Command.  
-St. Francis of Assisi

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Holy Family Cathedral

every Friday from 10 a.m. -12 Noon

Blessed Sacrament Monastery

Weekdays - 7 a.m.- 9 p.m., Monday thru Friday

First Friday: 8 a.m.— ending with Mass at 8 a.m. Saturday

Saturday & Sunday - 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

St. Patrick's Parish

Every Monday 6:00-7:45 p.m., First Friday 6:00-7:45 p.m.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish

every Friday from 7 p.m.—8 p.m.

St. Andrew Parish, Eagle River

every Friday, 9 a.m.— 7 p.m.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Perpetual Adoration - Pope John Paul II Adoration Chapel

Sacred Heart Parish, Wasilla

First Saturday, begins with Mass at 10 a.m.

followed by Adoration until 4 p.m.

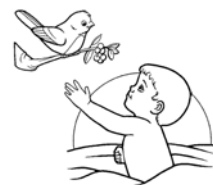
### ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

Archdiocesan Web Site is: [www.archdioceseofanchorage.org](http://www.archdioceseofanchorage.org)

**July 14, 2007 - Vocation Discernment Day:** The Daughters of Charity will sponsor a vocation discernment day for single women between the ages of 18 and 45. For further information, please contact Sister Kathleen Powers at (907) 333-5283.

**Guatemala & Costa Rica Tour:** Fr. Peter Gorges (Juneau Diocese) has organized a tour to Guatemala & Costa Rica, leaving Seattle September 22nd returning to Seattle October 10th. Cost of this 'Grand Circle Tour' is \$3,750 pp, do, including taxes & trip insurance. There is room for only 7 more - total group can be no more than 16. For more information Contact: [gorges@gci.net](mailto:gorges@gci.net).

**Discipleship Days 2007:** Make plans now to attend this year's Discipleship Days Conference, September 27-29, at Lumen Christi High School: "Many Roads Lead to Conversion, Discipleship & Church".



The child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the desert until the day of his manifestation to Israel. -Luke 1:80

**Movie, Television , & Theater Ratings:** Confused about what movies, television programs or theatrical productions are appropriate for you and your family? Visit the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops website for reviews and rating at [www.usccb.org/movies/index.htm](http://www.usccb.org/movies/index.htm)

Because the Soul has such deep roots in personal and social life and its values run so contrary to modern concerns, caring for the soul may well turn out to be a radical act, a challenge to accepted norms.

*Saint Thomas Moore*

**This Week's Readings**  
**June 24, 2007—July 1, 2007**

**Sunday - June 24**  
**Nativity of St. John the Baptist**  
 Isaiah 49: 1-6  
 Psalm 139: 1-3, 13-14, 14-15  
 Acts of the Apostles 13: 22-26  
 Luke 1: 57-66, 80

**Monday - June 25**  
 Genesis 12:1-9  
 Psalm 33:12-13, 18-19, 20 and 22  
 Matthew 7:1-5

**Tuesday - June 26**  
 Genesis 13:2, 5-18  
 Psalm 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5  
 Matthew 7:6, 12-14

**Wednesday - June 27**  
 Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18  
 Psalm 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9  
 Matthew 7:15-20

**Thursday - June 28**  
**Memorial of St. Irenaeus, bishop & martyr**  
 Genesis 16:1-12, 15-16 or 16:6b-12, 15-16  
 Psalm 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5  
 Matthew 7:21-29

**Friday - June 29**  
**Solemnity of Peter & Paul**  
 Acts 3:1-10  
 Psalm 19:2-3, 4-5  
 Gal. 1:11-20  
 John 21:15-19

**Saturday - June 30**  
 Genesis 8:1-15  
 Psalm: 1:46-47, 48-49, 50 & 53, 54-55  
 Matthew 8:5-17

**Sunday - July 1**  
**Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 1 Kings 19:16b, 19-21  
 Psalm 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11  
 Gal. 5:1, 13-18  
 Luke 9:51-62

**Volunteer needed:** "St. Pat's volunteers contribute to a taco dinner the 30<sup>th</sup> of each month for Clare House – an emergency shelter for women and children operated by Catholic Social Services. We need another volunteer to drop off boxes of taco shells on or before the 30<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to commit to this worthwhile service, please call Janet Keim at 332-7878

**YOUTH NEWS**



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**What Is Your Name?**

In the Gospel we hear how John the Baptist was born and got his name. Don't worry, it is not story of perfection but one filled with human foibles and with the kind of disputes that happen in families like our own.

Elizabeth, who is much, much too old to bear a child, has in fact given birth to a son. Relatives and friends gather around and give thanks to God. She had waited for a lifetime for this, and now, very late, she and her husband were blessed.

Then it was time to name the child. If you are a parent you know that names are difficult to decide on, and sometimes people disagree with you on your choice. In your case maybe it was your spouse or your mother or mother-in-law, or next door neighbors, etc. Here it was it was the relatives and friends, who said in effect, "Obviously you will name him after his father Zechariah." We can imagine women today cooing over what a sweet name that would be for the child, how his dad will be very proud, and won't you be smart to have the name carried on, and so forth.

Elizabeth gives a curt rejoinder. "No. He will be called John." Just like that. The onlookers exclaim and someone says, "Wait a minute, none of your relatives are named John, what are you talking about?" Elizabeth seems for the moment to be outvoted and they have to ask Zechariah for a decision.

Where did Elizabeth get the name John? If you will remember, an "angel of the Lord" had appeared to Zechariah and announced that a child would be born to his elderly wife and the name was to be John (see the Vigil Mass Gospel for this story). The name had been given by God.

Then there was more messy human stuff. Instead of accepting the words of the angel, Zechariah had said, "How shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is advanced in years." In effect he was saying, "Prove it. It sounds impossible to me." Because he would not let in the word of God, he was struck deaf and mute.\*

Spiritual lesson: if you cannot hear the Word of God, you cannot speak it. Do you see? The world is full of people who cannot listen to God, and therefore cannot speak of him.

In our Gospel scene Zechariah had to send for a stone tablet on which to scratch his reply, "John is his name." At last he was hearing the Word and keeping it. He immediately received back his speech and hearing.

He finally became like Servant of God from Isaiah (First Reading), to whom God gave a name while he was still in the womb. Jesus himself knew this passage, so we think, and saw it as a description of his life.

So, the spiritual question comes round to you and to me. How well do we listen to the name that God has given us? I mean the name deep within our souls, the loving one, the description of our own mission from God. Not John the Baptist's mission, not the Servant of God's, but our own. Let us listen for it, like Elizabeth and Zechariah, and finally give birth to the Word.

*Fr. John Foley, S.J.*

**Happy Birthday!**

- June 24 Alex Marinelli
- June 25 Katelyn Hansmeyer, Jennifer Mitchell
- June 27 Ben Clark, Anthony Pabon
- June 28 Molly Marie Miller
- June 30 Rebecca Thomas, Benjamin Pope
- July 1 Elle Marcale